

UPDATE

Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Middletown

Middletown – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motorcycle collision that occurred early Sunday evening north of Middletown.

The crash occurred around 8:00 p.m. Sunday October 17, 2021 as a 2007 Suzuki GSX motorcycle being operated by a 20-year-old Middletown man was traveling southbound in the left thru lane of Summit Bridge Road (SR 896) just south of Victoria Drive. A 2015 Chevy Malibu, operated by a 27-year-old female from Middletown, was initially stopped in the left turn lane of SR 896 northbound to enter the Valero gas station (4434 Summit Bridge Road). At this location, a traffic signal controls vehicular traffic in and out of the Shopping Center. As the motorcycle approached the intersection, the traffic signal displayed a solid circular green light. At the same time, the Chevy Malibu initiated a left turn and drove into the path of the motorcycle.

The operator of the motorcycle then dropped the motorcycle prior to crashing into the passenger's side of the Chevy Malibu. As a result, the motorcyclist slid under the vehicle and became trapped before the car could come to a complete stop.

The 20-year-old male motorcyclist was wearing a helmet and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The 27-year-old female operator of the Chevy Malibu was properly restrained and uninjured in the crash.

Alcohol involvement on behalf of the operator of the Chevy

Malibu is unknown. Speed on behalf of the motorcyclist may have been a contributing factor as well.

Summit Bridge Road (SR896) between Bethel Church Road and Boyds Corner Road was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Crash Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sergeant D. Alexander by calling 302-365-8484. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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